

Venture Of Faith

Genesis 12:1-20

Introduction

I The Calling Of God

- A. **Leave**
 - 1. Your country - 1 Jn 2:15-17
 - 2. Your people - 2 Cor 6:15-17
 - 3. Your father's household - Lk 14:25-27, 33
- B. **Go** to the land I will show you - Matt 28:19-20

II The Promises Of God

- A. I will make you into a great **nation** - Gen 13:16-17; 15:5; 22:17
- B. I will bless you
- C. I will make your **name** great - Matt 20:26; Lk 9:24; Mk 9:35
- D. I will make you a **blessing** - Rom 3:2; 9:4-5
 - 1. I will bless those who bless you
 - 2. I will curse those who curse you - Ex 23:22
 - 3. All people will be blessed through you - Gal 3:6-9

III The Faith Of Abraham

- A. Abraham **left** as the Lord had told him - Acts 7:2-5
- B. Abraham **went** to Canaan
 - 1. He was **75** years old
 - 2. He took with him:
 - a. His wife Sarah
 - b. His nephew **Lot**
 - c. His accumulated possessions
 - d. His acquired people
- C. Abraham arrived in **Canaan**
 - 1. The Lord appeared to him and said:
 - a. To your **offspring** I will give this land - Jn 8:33; Gal 3:29
 - 2. Abraham built an **altar** to the Lord: - Eph 5:1-2; Rom 12:1
 - a. In Shechem
 - b. In Bethel
 - 3. Abraham **called** on the name of the Lord - Rom 10:12-13
- D. Abram pitched his **tent** - Heb 11:9-10; 1 Pet 2:11

IV The Faltering Faith Of Abraham

- A. He went down to **Egypt** - Is 31:1; Ps 34:19; Prov 3:5-6
- B. He **lied** about his wife - Gen 20:12; 26:7
 - 1. To protect himself - Prov 29:25
 - 2. To **benefit** himself - Ps 37:3-4
- C. He put others around him at **risk**
 - 1. He put his wife at risk
 - 2. He put Pharaoh and his household at risk - Gen 20:18

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. What's the biggest "risk" you have ever taken in following God?
2. If God were to speak audibly to you right now, to what place or situation do you think He might call you to go? What would you have to leave behind? Would you be willing? Why or why not?
3. What impact do you think it had on Abram to have God call him to a land that had a severe famine? How did Abram respond? How should have he responded? Is there an area in your life where you are taking matters into your own hands? What should you do?
4. What impact did Abram's lie about his wife have on himself, his wife and those around him? Are there any sins in your life that you are trying to justify? What is it costing you? Others?
5. Everyone is living in one of three spiritual places:
 - a. Ur: the land of spiritual death and darkness
 - b. Haran; the land of spiritual compromise.
 - c. Canaan: the land of spiritual promise and blessing.Where are you living today?
6. Take a moment to thank God for His plan for your life. If you need to repent of any sins, take a moment and be reconciled to God. Finally, read Rom 12:1-2 and pray it back to God.

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